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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL WHEAT SALES TO AFGHANISTAN

REF: KABUL 1317

1. CARGILL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE IN KABUL HAS BEEN TOLD BY UN ADVISOR TO GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN THAT GOA HAS DECIDED NOT TO MAKE A COMMERCIAL PURCHASE OF WHEAT. THE REASON GIVEN WAS THAT DELIVERY TIME OF 60-70 DAYS IS TOO LONG AND THE GOA WILL HAVE TO UTILIZE EXISTING STOCKS TO TIDE THEM OVER UNTIL THE NEXT CROP YEAR.

2. EMBASSY CONTACTED ABDUL SALAM, PRESIDENT OF FOREIGN TRADE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, TO VERIFY THIS INFORMATION. SALAM SAID THAT GOA REMAINS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING 20,000 TONS OF WHEAT. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE, THUS FAR, TO CONTACT UN ADVISOR TO FIND SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION THAT GOA HAD LOST INTEREST IN WHEAT. HOWEVER, CARGILL REP, DESPITE SALAM'S ASSURANCES OF INTEREST, PLANS TO DEPART KABUL SHORTLY AND SEES LITTLE CHANCE OF CONCLUDING A WHEAT AGREEMENT ALTHOUGH HE WILL CONTINUE TO SUBMIT OFFERS BASED ON DAILY PRICE FLUCTUATIONS ON WHEAT.

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3. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO SORT OUT DETAILS OF THIS CONFUSING

SITUATION. RECOMMEND THAT USDA NOTIFY INTERESTED US COMPANIES
OF THE FOREGOING.
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